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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002,
please consider the following remarks:

Remarks:

A. Rejection of Claims under § 102 over Acharya

The Office Action has rejected pending claims 1-5, 9-12,
15-20, 22, and 25-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being
anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,229,578 B1 ("Acharya").
Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. With respect
to claim 1, Acharya does not disclose a method in which
"identifying noise in a first portion of the video frame"
occurs, as recited by claim 1. In this regard, Applicants
respectively disagree that the above-recited element "is met by
the method of edge detection for determine an [sic] 'edge' pixel

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